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Activists dog society

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Animal rights groups are sniffing at a "pocket dog" rescue program aimed to save the lives of designer dogs from south of the border.

"Operation California Canine Cuties" is a mission by the Edmonton Humane Society, where volunteers travel to California and bring back highly sought-after mini mutts, to save them from death at overpopulated shelters.

"This seems like they're a pet shop, getting people cute little puppies that are in demand," said Tove Reece, of Voice For Animals. "We have a massive animal overpopulation problem here. They shouldn't be asking for donations to get these animals back here."

The Humane Society has set up a donation fund especially for the California Cuties, and were seeking initial funding of \$10,000 to kick-start the program.

The first three trips to



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the Fresno shelter rescued 15 mixed-breed chihuahuas and terriers, six of which were spoken for shortly after they were put up for adoption. In total, 10 dogs have been adopted, all within hours

after being put up for adoption, Humane Society spokeswoman Shawna Randolph said.

"We had a woman wait four hours outside before the shelter opened just to get one," Randolph said. In the first weekend the dogs arrived, adoption rates went up by 50 per cent at the shelter. On average, a dozen dogs are adopted per weekend.

Randolph said it's hoped the initiative will put a dent in puppy mills. It's not known how many more will be rescued.

California Well-deserved rest



Firefighters sleep on a sidewalk on Carbon Canyon in Brea, Calif., yesterday. Los Angeles firefighters battled wind-whipped blazes that hopscotched around Southern California yesterday, destroying almost 1,000 houses. **Story, page 6.**

Be on lookout for Norovirus, health officials say

ILLNESS Health officials are warning about a nasty virus that's shown up in Edmonton. In the past two weeks, 12 outbreaks of gastrointestinal illness caused by a virus referred to as the Norovirus have

been reported.

Most outbreaks have been contained to nursing homes, senior's homes and child care facilities. Noroviruses cause a savage, 24 to 48-hour illness for which there is no rem-

edy, other than to let the effects pass. Symptoms include violent diarrhea, vomiting, muscle aches, and a low-grade fever.

Although the virus is highly contagious, infection can be prevented by

frequent hand-washing. The virus is usually transmitted through contact with infected people or objects or food handled by those infected.

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Metro World News Guest Editor Exclusive
James Blunt

Pop singer adds own flair to Metro

British pop star James Blunt is going behind the scenes at Metro today as our first-ever global guest editor. On the eve of his cross-Canada tour, the multimillion-selling singer-songwriter, best known for his hit single You're Beautiful, is providing input in our newsrooms, contributing to our Comment & Views page (pg 8), and focusing attention on Medecins Sans Frontieres, an international medical humanitarian organization (see story at metronews.ca). Blunt also has something to say about online music sites in our Entertainment section (pg 16). "With so much going on in the world right now," Blunt says, "I am looking forward to editing a newspaper, raising the profile of subjects close to my heart and hopefully have a little fun along the way." Visit metronews.ca to learn about Blunt's passion for skiing and his picks on where to hit the slopes, and find out more about what happens when Blunt trades in his guitar for a notepad.

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Fat lady's sung for car park construction

After several seasons of slim pickin's, opera lovers and theatre-goers who frequent the "Jube" now have a place to park the Porsche. The new car park is open for business (for Chevys too). It replaces spaces displaced by construction of the Edmonton Clinic. The 910 spaces can be accessed from both 87 Avenue and 83 Avenue. Access is no longer available from 114 Street. **METRO EDMONTON**

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**Rexall to feature dance tour**

Rexall Place will host the So You Think You Can Dance Canada Tour, featuring the Top 10 dancers. Tickets for Feb. 2 show go on sale this weekend. "Before we even crown Canada's first-ever favourite dancer next month, the show is making history with Dick Clark's first-ever Canadian dance tour," said Susanne Boyce of CTV. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Inmate attack puts jail in lockdown

INJURY A correctional institution south of Edmonton is in lockdown after an inmate attack left another prisoner critically injured.

A man, 46, is in critical, but stable condition after a fight between two inmates at Bowden Institution around 10 p.m. Friday.

"The inmate remains at the hospital for treatment," said Don Ross, acting correctional manager, refusing to give more details.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Watch James Blunt on why he's excited to be Metro's guest editor at metronews.ca/canada

Read Guidy Mamann's column on immigration matters at metronews.ca/live
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**Lotteries**

Friday, Nov. 14

Lotto Super 7: 6, 10, 18, 28, 33, 35 & 43 Bonus 17

Saturday, Nov. 15

Lotto 6/49: 8, 9, 12, 16, 19 & 21 Bonus 47

These results are not official.

Eskimos **End-of-season pause**

The season now over, Edmonton Eskimos pause while cleaning out their lockers, yesterday, after missing their chance at the Grey Cup, Saturday in Montreal. Edmonton lost 36-26 to Montreal, ending their championship hopes. Calgary and Montreal play for the Grey Cup on Sunday in Montreal.

BEN LEMPHER/METRO EDMONTON

Tories accused of trying to lock up documents

CHILD WELFARE After facing public scrutiny over delaying the release of reports from its child welfare office, the provincial government plans this week to prevent those documents from getting into the public's hands, said Alberta NDP's Rachel Notley.

"The Tories are more worried about optics than preventing the sexual and

physical abuse of kids in care," she said in a release.

"Every other province is making their child welfare systems more transparent and this government is drawing the curtains."

A spokesman within the department has reportedly said the new legislation this week would only enhance the ability of the child advocate to make sure an indi-

vidual's files are kept private — a concern that some children have raised.

Three quarterly reports obtained by NDP through an Access to Information request last month highlighted incidents of foster children being knowingly placed in unsafe conditions that included reports of sexual and physical abuse.

METRO EDMONTON**Adoption fair opens minds**

Older kids 'just as rewarding'

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With so many children in foster care, child care workers at a provincial government-sponsored adoption fair in Edmonton yesterday say it's becoming more of a challenge to find adult couples who are willing enough to adopt.

"There are always more children needing homes than there

are families looking for kids," said Kristeen Tomlinson, a marketing manager with an Edmonton adoption and foster care recruitment program.

Misunderstandings have caused many prospective parents to back off of adopting a child, such as confusion over whether or not birthparents have rights to see their children, said Tomlinson, adding since many of the children

in foster care are generally older, it's a tough push for care workers who work in adoption recruitment programs.

"Many parents looking to adopt want babies, but adopting an older child can be just as rewarding."

Gary and Julie George, a city couple adopting an eight-year-old, were at the fair at the ACT Centre in Rundle Park looking to make another addition to their family.

Both say the recruitment process — which can take a few months to three years — also intimidates many prospective parents.

"It's scary, but it has to be done," said Julie George.

"It was fearful for us, but the decision wasn't hard for us to do it, but I understand the system is put in place to ensure that we are decent human beings. That we're not going to be hurtful to the children."

8,000 The number of children currently in government care across the province.

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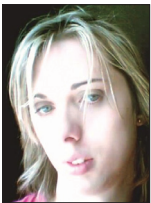
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Whenever Aaron Cross would look at his naked form as a child, he would cover up his private parts, convinced they weren't supposed to be there.

Aaron, now Josephine, felt for his entire life that he had been born in the wrong body, and should have been born female.

"Trying to go through everything in this guise of masculinity was really difficult for me. I couldn't even use my real voice," the 24-year-old receptionist said. "By the time I hit university, I was so depressed that I could barely leave my



Josephine Cross

house. I decided it was time to do something."

After four years of intense hormone treatment and making the transition to living as a woman every day, the then 23-year-old man travelled from his Edmonton home to Montreal for a sex-change operation.

Six months later and she says she feels like a new woman — literally.

"Now I feel like I can do anything," Cross said. "I

"I went from feeling like an observer inside my own body to someone who's actually living their own life."

Josephine Cross

went from feeling like an observer inside my own body to someone who's actually living their own life."

Cross is using her new found freedom to put a face to the transgendered community in Edmonton

— which she estimates is populated by thousands living in secrecy.

Part of the Exposure Queer Arts Festival is exposing the reality of living transgendered.

The documentary She's

a Boy I Knew, plays tonight at Metro Cinema and is a festival highlight. Vancouver director Gwen Haworth will reveal her difficult transition from man to woman and answer questions on switching genders.

The festival, which runs to Nov. 22, also features art by transgendered artists at The Garage Burger Bar. (10242 – 106 St.). For more information, visit www.exposurefestival.ca.

News in brief

ATTACK A 24-year-old woman was rushed to hospital after getting sliced in the head allegedly by a group of teenagers she didn't know. Around midnight Saturday, the woman and some friends were standing outside their Millwoods Road East apartment building, when they were approached by a group who were looking for someone. When the women told the group the person they were looking for didn't live there, one of the women was

allegedly attacked, after her friends left her alone outside. The woman was rushed to hospital for a gash on her head. With the assistance of a police dog, officers were able to track the group back to a suite inside the complex. The victim remains in hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

STABBING Police are holding a 20-year-old man charged with fatally stabbing his 60-year-old mother in the west-end apartment they shared. After a medical examiner ruled Maria

Soukonnik died from a stab wound in her home Thursday, police charged Rostislav Soukonnik with second-degree murder. Soukonnik is expected to make a court appearance Wednesday. Police have responded to the home a number of times for "family-related disturbances," investigators said.

RENTALS Edmonton homeowners looking to make an extra buck or two could soon be able to convert their basements or extra spaces into secondary

suites legally if city council approves a new amendment to a bylaw this afternoon. Council will decide whether or not it will go ahead with its second phase in the city's cornerstone plan to create 3,300 new affordable housing units by 2010. This new phase will give homeowners in older neighbourhoods the go-ahead to turn their homes into livable suites. It's expected council will make the decision after a public hearing today at city hall.

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Charity Holiday donations



Ranjit Singh Sandhu loads food donations into an Edmonton Food Bank truck outside the Millwoods Gurdwara Sikh Temple, while Gurchara Bhui, centre and Tajinder Sageu, left, assist, yesterday. The collection included a cheque of over \$60,000 and an estimated 5,000 kilograms of food.



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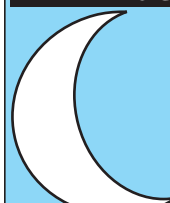
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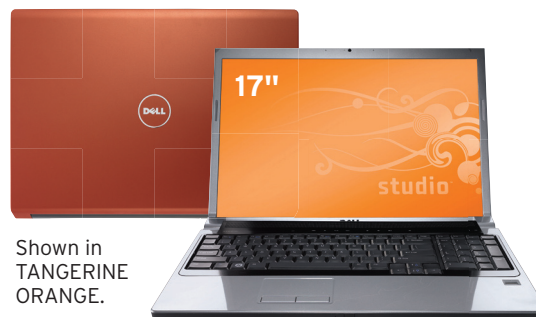
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Seven people have died in a small plane crash on South Thormanby Island off British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, a spokesperson for the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria has confirmed. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada/World

Parliament set to resume work

MPs return to Parliament tomorrow for a session that promises to test their partisan instincts and political philosophies.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who vowed during the election campaign not to run a deficit, now faces pressure for deficit spending to kick-start an ailing economy.

The Liberals will try to shake off a Stephen Harper post-election funk under a caretaker leader until a new party boss is chosen next May.

And with Canadians worried about their pensions and jobs and government revenues battered by the downturn, all 308 MPs are feeling the pressure to

be on their best behaviour and curb the partisan antics that poisoned the last session of Parliament.

"I think our entire government is willing to try and do whatever we can to make this next Parliament as productive and positive and collegial as possible," said Government House leader Jay Hill.

The pledges of goodwill will quickly be put to the test as the government

outlines its priorities for the parliamentary session in the throne speech. Harper is being pressured to cancel promised corporate tax cuts and add infrastructure spending by the opposition. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Body paint **Naughty but nice**



Serina Carpenter, 25, gets painted by makeup artist Dana Mooney, 25, at the Ace Angels booth set up at the Taboo Naughty but Nice Show at the Calgary Roundup Centre over the weekend.

News in brief

MILITARY It was revealed yesterday that the Canadian military does not track how many of its soldiers are suffering from hearing loss and traumatic brain trauma, two signature

injuries of war.



Watch Canadian soldiers care for Afghan troops after an IED blast at metronews.ca/canada

ARCTIC Canada has agreed to host a round-table meeting to address what some say is overhunting of polar bears in the Arctic region straddling Canada and Greenland. **REUTERS**

First things first, MPs will vote on Speaker of House

POLITICS Think part diplomat, part scolding parent, hockey referee and schoolyard monitor and you get a taste of the job that's up for grabs when MPs return to Parliament — House of Commons Speaker.

When Parliament resumes sitting tomorrow, one of the first tasks for MPs will be to pick one of their own for the difficult job.

With the job goes the big task of policing the daily question period, a heated 45-minute session of heckling and where partisan politics often boil over in full public view.

At least five MPs are expected to give Liberal Peter Milliken, the current Speaker of the House, a run for his money for the post.

TORSTAR

G20 forges crisis plan

World leaders pledged rapid action on Saturday to rescue a weakening global economy from the worst financial crisis in over 70 years and agreed to give emerging nations more say in running financial affairs.

The Group of 20 leaders from major industrialized and developing countries set out plans to toughen oversight for major global banks, study limits on banker pay and try for a breakthrough by year end in global trade talks — all part of a roadmap to rebuild a financial system crippled by the credit crisis.

"We must lay the foundation for reform to help ensure that a global crisis such as this one does not happen again," they said in a statement after their first-ever

"But the crisis could be a chance at the same time. History tells us that when we overcome crisis, a new order is created."

Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso

summit.

They vowed to make progress before a second summit by the end of April.

U.S. President George W. Bush called the meeting, probably his last major economic event before he steps down in January, a success.

"It makes sense to come out of here with a firm action plan, which we have. And it also makes sense to say to people that there is more work to be done," he said.

The G20 also called for fiscal stimulus measures, be they tax cuts or govern-

ment spending, to take "rapid effect," and urged more interest rate cuts.

But they fell short of announcing any new measures or major regulatory breakthroughs, and left it up to individual countries over what actions to take.

"It is the worst crisis in 100 years," said Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso. "But the crisis could be a chance at the same time. History tells us that when we overcome crisis, a new order is created. We should not be just flustered by the crisis." **REUTERS**

California wildfires destroy nearly 1,000 homes, force evacuations

DISASTER Wildfires hopped around Southern California yesterday although calmer winds slowed flames that have destroyed almost 1,000 houses, forced tens of thousands to evacuate and turned some neighborhoods into scenes resembling war zones.

A pall of towering, chok-

ing smoke blocked out the sun in much of the Los Angeles area and in Orange County to the south-east after flames ripped through tinder-dry brush. The fires jumped freeways and reduced mobile homes, multi-million dollar mansions and apartment blocks to ashes in about a dozen communities. **REUTERS**

Therapy helps with breast cancer: Study

RESEARCH Psychological group therapy for women with breast cancer may help them not only to cope better with their disease but also live longer, U.S. researchers said today.

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Time to see green in the red

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This year, I have visited more than 180 cities on my world tour, and wherever I went — from Aberdeen to Auckland — one thing never failed to amaze me: air conditioning. It was blasting at sub-arctic levels in nearly every hotel I stayed, when most times it would

have been just as easy — and better for the environment — to open a window.

To me, hotel air conditioning is a small but telling reminder of the luxuries we have grown so accustomed to in an age of prosperity but could often do without. They are things — like SUVs, or fish caught half a world away or even disposable hand wipes — that barely improve our daily lives but, altogether, are taking a terrible toll on our planet.

So, as we read in newspapers like Metro about the economic slowdown, I wonder if there might be a silver lining in such grim news: The possibility that after a

period of so much consumption, we might cut back a bit on extravagances we don't need, and give our over-worked planet a bit of a breather?

I realize that many people roll their eyes when a celebrity preaches about the environment — or rescuing baby seals, or any other worthy cause. (I don't like preaching, either, and — contrary to what you might have read in the tabloids — I don't think of myself as a celebrity).

As an army officer and a musician, I have had the privilege of seeing some of the planet's natural treasures. Sadly, I have also seen the way that we abuse it by

"You can remind our leaders that the environment should not depend on the stock market."

dropping bombs and building shopping malls.

I don't pretend to be an environmental expert, but I am learning. Before my concerts, we screen a preview of An Inconvenient Truth, the remarkable documentary by former U.S. vice-president Al Gore. (www.aninconvenienttruth.com.au). I am installing solar panels at

home, and for every ticket to one of my concerts sold online, we plant a tree.

I'm a supporter of The Big Ask. It is a campaign by Friends of the Earth to get governments to reduce carbon dioxide emissions — the main cause of global warming. Thanks to them, the European Union is now debating laws that would force members to cut emissions by 20 per cent by 2020. If approved, it would be the most ambitious plan in the world, and just might convince the U.S., China and others to come aboard.

Unfortunately, some politicians are pointing to the economy and saying

that now is not the time to fight global warming. I think they have it backwards: We cannot afford to wait any longer. Global warming is a problem that is only going to get worse, and more costly to fix, the longer we delay. By joining The Big Ask, you can remind our leaders that the environment should not depend on the stock market.

And one more thing: next time you switch on the air conditioning, think about cracking a window open instead.

James Blunt is a British pop singer-songwriter whose hit single *You're Beautiful* catapulted him to fame. He is currently touring Canada.

Views

Support girls' drive for education

By MAXINE CROOK

Horror news: Two men in Afghanistan sprayed battery acid in the faces of eight teenage girls just because they were heading to school.

Encouraging news: Five days later, from her hospital bed, 17-year-old Shamsia Husainai, her face a mass of excruciating burns and one eye blinded, bravely insists: "I will go to my school even if they kill me. I will continue my studies."

Shamsia shares this yearning for an education with 50 million girls who do not get to go to school.

While it's true that many boys also don't have access

to education, far more girls lose out on this basic human right. If a family must choose which of their children to educate, it's almost always a boy. Some cultures and religions discourage or forbid the education of girls. And girls, no matter how young, bear the burden of daily work at home, fetching water and firewood, looking after siblings, helping grow food.

This is a tragedy not just for the girls, but for the world! Study after study by international big players — the World Bank, UNICEF, Oxfam — all prove that when girls are educated, amazing things happen: poverty drops, the health of



Maxine Crook

families greatly improves, economies grow.

A woman who has even a basic education enrolls her children in school, has them immunized, has fewer children and knows how to keep them healthy. She is more likely to practise family planning, and has a lower incidence of HIV/AIDS.

A girl with education earns more, which gives her a voice at home and in her community. "Ending global poverty begins with women's rights," according to Oxfam. Women's rights begin with education.

Even the cowardly thugs who threw acid on schoolgirls will not be able to stop girls from pursuing an education. Girls know what

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they are missing, and when they get a chance, they do brilliantly well.

I am a volunteer with Give Girls A Chance (givegirlsachance.org), raising funds for projects that educate girls. I have seen their drive, their optimism, their hard work despite the most difficult backgrounds.

I think of Millicent Obiero, 14, an orphan in Kenya who made it from her tiny village to a high school far away, now near the top of her class.

I think of 10-year-old Selma, in Grade 4 in rural Pakistan, who writes: "My father dislikes my getting an education, so I earn my fees cleaning houses after school."

Each of us can help girls like Millicent, Selma and Shamsia by donating to organizations that fund education and women's rights, (e.g. Oxfam, PlanCanada), or Give Girls A Chance, which only funds girls' education.

Maxine Crook is a documentary maker and fund adviser to Give Girls a Chance (givegirlsachance.org), a Canadian charity that raises money to educate girls in Canada and around the world.



Shamsia Husainai, 17, lies on a bed at a hospital in Kabul Friday after an acid attack on her last Wednesday in Kandahar, Afghanistan.



Letters

Mick Levin, HALIFAX

Response to the global financial crisis was swift and significant. In contrast, response to the climate crisis has been fragmented and ineffective. This only illustrates that world leaders have the ability to combat climate change in a co-operative way.

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Goldman Sachs execs forgo 2008 bonuses

Goldman Sachs chief executive Lloyd Blankfein and six other top officials asked not to receive bonuses for 2008, the company said yesterday — they will receive only their base pay of \$600,000 US. Last year, Blankfein made \$68.5 million US. **REUTERS**

Business

“Everyone is just holding their breath to see how Christmas goes.” Richard Ellert, Harbour Ring's CEO



Toy trouble

Hong Kong-based maker of Hasbro and Mattel toys Harbour Ring said this holiday season will be tough, and an outlook in 2009 that could be worse than just a recession.

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Auto execs in spotlight amid U.S. bailout talks

AUTOS U.S. automakers should consider executive shake-ups if it would ensure congressional backing for a bailout supporters say is needed to prevent industry collapse, an architect of the effort said yesterday.

The statement by Carl Levin of Michigan underscored the difficulty Democrats are having in finalizing a rescue plan of up to \$25 billion US and securing majority support in the Senate, which plans to begin debate on the matter today.

“If it was the difference between getting this kind of support or not, obviously the management should consider resigning,” Levin said on NBC. **REUTERS**

China Wealth gap curbs growth



Workers build a Chinese style bower at a park near a construction site in Taiyuan, Shanxi province yesterday. China's growth prospects are increasingly clouded by a gap between rich and poor that is deterring consumption and dragging down productivity, said a report released yesterday.

Bailouts can't fix lack of 'prime' borrowers

The latest U.S. effort to get more money flowing to consumers assumes that there are plenty of credit-worthy households eager to borrow and spend.

That may not be the case. Rising unemployment and foreclosures are driving more people out of the “prime” credit category, in which banks are still fairly willing to lend. At the same time, consumer confidence has fallen so far that even wealthier people with little trouble getting credit are cutting their spending.

So far, there is little sign that banks that receive bailout money are loosening their grip on cash, much to the frustration of the U.S. government and countries around the world that rely on a

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Charles Dallara

healthy U.S. consumerism to drive economic growth.

Charles Dallara, managing director of the bank lobby group Institute of International Finance, said though banks have billions of taxpayer dollars in hand, it's unrealistic to expect normal lending to resume immediately.

“Capital does not automatically create credit-worthy borrowers,” he said. “It's inevitable that there is a substantial degree of caution built in to lending activities.” **REUTERS**

In brief

RATES Mortgage rates could be falling after Bank of Montreal announced a 5.25 per cent rate on a five-year, fixed-rate loan — 2.25 per cent lower than before.

HOMES The average price of a home was \$281,133, compared with \$312,024 last year.

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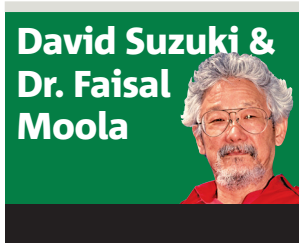
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B.C. has identity crisis

ScienceMatters



If you live in or have visited British Columbia recently, you'll have noticed a campaign to sell the province as "The Best Place on Earth." The government has spent tens of millions of dollars branding the province, and the tag-line for its PR campaign appears to be everywhere: On television and radio, on billboards, bus shelters, licence plates, and just about everywhere else you look. And as we enter the home stretch to the 2010 Olympics hosted by B.C., the campaign is reaching a fevered pitch.

Those of us who live among the towering mountains, old-growth forests, and pristine lakes and rivers feel we deserve these bragging rights on occasion. And ecologists tell us that B.C. is blessed with an exceptional diversity of wildlife and wilderness, on par with some of the greatest places on the planet, such as the Serengeti and the Great Barrier Reef.

My home province is Canada's richest region biologically — home to 76 per cent of our nation's bird species, 70 per cent of its freshwater fish, 60 per cent of its evergreen trees, and thousands of other animals and plants. More

than 3,800 species are found here, and many of these, such as mountain goat and mountain caribou, live mostly — or only — in the province and nowhere else on the planet. For others, such as the trumpeter swan and sandhill crane, B.C. is a critical wintering ground or stopover in winged migrations that extend over thousands of kilometres.

Most remarkably, unlike most places in North America, B.C. still has all of the large and charismatic megafauna that were present at the time of European settlement, including grizzly bears, wolves, and cougars. Indeed, British Columbia is now the last safe haven for most of the large animals left on the continent. For example, grizzlies still roam, feed, and breed throughout much of the province, whereas in California, this majestic bruin is now only found as an image on the state's flag, having long been eliminated from the wild.

B.C. has a rich legacy to protect, yet the experts tell us that we are squandering our unique biological inheritance. Earlier this year, scientists revealed that more than four dozen species have disappeared from the province, and the casualty list is growing. A further 1,600 species (43 per cent of all the plants and animals thought to exist in the province) are also in decline and are perhaps facing a similar fate unless action is taken.

These statistics are not



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just an abstract tally. To the contrary, many residents and visitors to the province have personally experienced these plants and animals in nature — perhaps seen a grizzly bear while on a camping trip, or hooked a salmon on one of our pristine rivers, or been dazzled by a pod of orcas while kayaking. You don't even have to go far from populated areas: The remaining patches of Canada's most endangered forest ecosystem, the Garry oak savannah, can be found in downtown Victoria!

Given the biodiversity crisis that is unfolding in my home province, I'm shocked that the

government can claim we're the "best place on earth". We lag behind virtually every other place in North America in providing legal protection for our wildlife. B.C. stands out in Canada for not having an endangered species law, while smaller provinces such as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have gone to great lengths to legally protect endangered species and their habitat. Even developing countries, such as Mexico, Costa Rica, and "the glorious nation" of Kazakhstan (to quote Borat) have a leg up on us, with endangered species laws on the books.

I'm proud of my province, and like most residents and visitors to British Columbia, I want to make sure that the natural heritage that we're blessed with is protected for my children and grandchildren to enjoy. However, in light of the government's ad campaign, I think the province needs an identity check. The government needs to reconcile its efforts to brand this province on the basis of its natural wonders with our true identity as one of the "last places on earth" without an endangered species law to protect the very things that make my home great.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Water down the drain

Canadians on average use 343 litres of water each day. Use of water in the average Canadian household: Bathroom (other than toilets — 35 per cent), toilets (30 per cent), laundry (20 per cent), kitchen and drinking (10 per cent), cleaning (5 per cent), according to Greenology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

Sustainable relationships through green dating?

NADIA LODDO
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complementary points of view on sustainable and green economy.

It's not a romantic rendezvous, but it seduces! On the ninth floor of an office building on the most beautiful avenue in the world, the Champs-Élysées (Paris), every month a "green dating" session takes place.

In front of a breathtaking view of the Eiffel Tower, managers, business people, lawyers, members of associations, journalists and others working on sustainable development meet to share their experience and exchange their

Organized by a French on-line magazine, ECOLife, on the premises of a Parisian law office, the "green dating" copies the idea of "speed dating", a way to make romantic encounters without wasting time.

At every meeting, three people present their action in connection with sustainable development. Each of them have no more than seven minutes to make their point, then another seven minutes to answer questions.

Impressive holiday lighting

Lighting is one of the best and easiest ways to decorate your home for the holidays. And with today's energy efficient lighting solutions available in a wide range of colours and styles, it's never been easier to create a warm inviting atmosphere for friends and family especially on a cold winter's night. Both the interior and exterior features of your home can be highlighted using these simple tips:

- Direct coloured flood lights at the exterior of your home and this will give it definition. Also, be sure to capture some of the sparkle in the snow.
- Hang outdoor-rated strings of LED lights to highlight roof peaks and windows.
- Use LED Stake lights to outline walkways or in your vases or urns to enhance your greenery.
- Replace interior lights with Philips 13 watt coloured compact fluorescent bulbs or 1



watt LED coloured bulbs to enhance your holiday theme and entertaining.

- Hang LED battery operated snowflakes on dry indoor surfaces, such as your windows, for an effect seen both inside and outside your home.

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Eagles and Bengals play to NFL's first tie in six years

Cincinnati's Shayne Graham missed a 47-yard field goal with seven seconds left in overtime to ensure the NFL's first tie since Nov. 10, 2002. Eagles QB Donovan McNabb fumbled and threw three interceptions in the game. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



Manning throws for 320 yards

Peyton Manning led the Indianapolis Colts on four straight scoring drives in the second half, wiping out two Houston leads and giving the Colts a 33-27 victory yesterday. It was the third straight win for Indy, who find themselves back in the mix for an AFC wild card spot.

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Lots of questions for Eskimos

Maciocia's team showed promise, but can it improve next season?

Capital**Sports****Robin Brownlee**

After two years out of the playoffs, the Edmonton Eskimos performance this season represents a quantum leap over 2007, but **Danny Maciocia's** team didn't cover nearly enough ground to stand a chance when it counted against the Montreal Alouettes.

The question, after getting humbled 36-26 at Olympic Stadium in the East Division final Saturday, is where the Eks go from

here. Can they build on a 10-8 record and win over Winnipeg in the East semi-final, or do they take a step back toward their 5-12-1 mark of 2007?

Obviously, only time will tell, but it was worth contemplating as the Eks cleaned out their lockers Sunday at Commonwealth Stadium still stinging from coming up short against the Als.

Will Maciocia be back as coach or kick himself upstairs? What about veterans **Dan Comiskey** and **Shannon Garrett**? The Eks also have to re-sign receiver **Kelly Campbell** and offensive lineman **Patrick Kabongo**, who will draw interest from the NFL.

"I'm not going to make a

decision here on whether I'm going to coach or not," said Maciocia, who didn't silence all his critics by making the playoffs and beating Winnipeg. "I'm going to see how the organization feels."

And, so, we'll wait.

LITTLE BIG MAN

Big men who play small can be especially frustrating to fans, not to mention coaches, and Edmonton Oilers forward **Dustin Penner** certainly fits that description.

So much so coach **Craig MacTavish** sat Penner and **Kyle Brodziak** out for Saturday's 3-2 shootout loss to the Colorado Avalanche, sending a clear message.

"We need more competitiveness throughout our line-up," MacTavish said. "Sometimes it's not only a

message for the two who are sitting out, but for the other four or five guys who can't afford to play a game where they are not factors. We need more jam, more competitiveness out of those two for sure and out of others."

After scoring two goals in the first game of the season, Penner had just one goal and one assist in his next 15 games when MacTavish sat him, inserting **Liam Reddix** and **Jesse Boulerice**.

The frustrating thing about Penner, who is six-foot-four and 240 pounds, is that when he's not scoring, he doesn't bring anything else to the table — he plays soft and seldom imposes his physical presence.

"It's always the bare mini-

mum," MacTavish said of Penner. "Those are the results you get when you bring the bare minimum. Hopefully this will help him be more consistent."

From where I sit, Penner hasn't come close to earning the \$21.25 million US offer sheet he signed before last season. He should wear a balaclava on pay days.

WHILE I'M AT IT ...

While Penner and Brodziak got seats on press row against Colorado, there were other candidates, namely **Shawn Horcoff**, **Robert Nilsson** and **Fernando Pisani**.

In a decade covering the Edmonton sports scene, Robin Brownlee has been the news-breaker and insightful voice for sports fans in Oil Country.

Sports in brief

CURLING Glenn Howard of Ontario won his third consecutive Masters of Curling title yesterday after defeating Edmonton's Kevin Koe 4-3 in an extra end.

CIS The No. 3 Western Mustangs will meet No. 1-ranked Laval in the Vanier Cup next Saturday in Hamilton. The Rouge et Or easily beat the No. 6 Calgary Dinos 59-10 in the Uteck Bowl yesterday. Western defeated the Saint Mary's Huskies 28-12 in the Mitchell Bowl. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Romo triumphant in return

NFL ROUNDUP

Cowboys 14, Redskins 10

Tony Romo returned after a three-game absence and hit Martellus Bennett with a 25-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown that proved to be the game-winner, as the Dallas Cowboys pulled out a critical 14-10 win over NFC East rival Washington.

Romo, playing with a heavy bandage over a broken pinkie on his throwing hand suffered October 12 against the Cardinals, did enough to win in his return to the lineup, throwing for 188 yards with two interceptions on 18-of-26 passes for Dallas (6-4), which dropped two of three without its star signal-caller. Marion Barber rushed for a TD and was effective in running out the clock in the fourth quarter, finishing with 75 yards on 14 carries. Terrell Owens had five catches for a team-high 38 yards in the win.

TTANS 24, JAGUARS 14

Kerry Collins and Justin Gage connected on a pair of long touchdowns, including a back-breaking, fourth-quarter toss as Tennessee shook off an 11-point half-time deficit to move to 10-0 for the first time in franchise history with its 24-14 triumph over Jacksonville.



Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger completes a pass to Hines Ward through coverage by the Chargers' Shaun Phillips yesterday. Pittsburgh won 11-10.

The Titans rushing attack took a back seat to Collins for the second straight week as the veteran completed 13-of-23 passes for 230 yards with 56 and 38-yard TD passes to Gage, who finished with 147 yards receiving on four grabs.

STEELERS 11, CHARGERS 10

Jeff Reed's 32-yard field goal with 11 seconds remaining gave the Pittsburgh Steelers a narrow 11-10 victory over the San Diego Chargers at a snowy and blustery Heinz Field.

Down 10-8 with 6:41 to play, Pittsburgh marched 73 yards downfield. Ben Roeth-

lisberger converted a key 3rd-and-6 from the San Diego 41 with a seven-yard completion to Hines Ward, and Antonio Holmes caught a 13-yard pass the play after.

The team ran down the rest of the clock to set up Reed's field goal at the end.

Elsewhere in the NFL it was: N.Y. Giants 30, Baltimore 10; Green Bay 37, Bears 3; Denver 24, Atlanta 20; New Orleans 30, Kansas City 20; Miami 17, Oakland 15; Tampa Bay 19, Minnesota 13; Carolina 31, Detroit 22; San Francisco 35, St. Louis 16; and Arizona 26, Seattle 20. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Here thar be monsters

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Who wouldn't want a plush, green monster named Colin who divides his time between playing video games and fretting over the future?

That's what friends Adam Dunn, 31, Bliss Man, 28, and Rhya Tamasauskas, 30, were betting on when they started up their company the Monster Factory five years ago.

They began with a love of monsters, a vision, and six squishy little prototypes.

Now, 85 monsters later, they're in the midst of developing a business plan to outsource manufacturing to China, where a friend will oversee production, in order to increase sales and start making a profit.

It all began with Dunn who was attending the Ontario College of Art and Design film school and formed a production company that he called Monster Factory. Just for fun, he decided to try making some plush monster mascots and called on his friend Man, a fashion school student, to



Rhya Tamasauskas, left, Bliss Man and Adam Dunn show off their monster creations.

help with design.

Tamasauskas, a fellow art student and friend of Dunn's, had an interest in monsters and soft sculpture and joined the pair.

Their first ever "family" of critters was born in 2003 and dozens of them sold at Toronto's One of a Kind Craft Show that year.

"We were cleaned out and we didn't sleep for 11 days," said Man. "That's when we knew we had something really special."

Each year the "partners" — which is how they like to refer to themselves — have

dreamt up 16 new monsters to add to their collection.

They sell their quirky creations directly from their studio, online at monsterfactory.net and at toy exhibitions around the world.

The most challenging part of the job, they all agreed, is coming up with new characters every year but they have a process.

Someone comes up with an idea, all three develop the design of their new friend, and when the prototype is complete, they decide on a name and give the

monster a personality.

Gordon, for instance, is a burly green guy covered in facial hair who, incidentally, loves to play tennis.

"For someone his size, Gordon is surprisingly nimble on the tennis court," reads his online description.

His wife, Sally, on the other hand, just as burly but not quite as active, has taken up meditation in order to curb her constant fidgeting.

"The three of us all have really big imaginations," said Tamasauskas.

The stuffed toys are becoming more and more popular in Europe and Asia; and in Canada the Monster Factory has its own dedicated fan base that keeps it going despite the fact, they said, marketing always comes last on the list of priorities.

The three are so focused on creating their little friends, they almost forget about the business side of things.

"But

we're getting better,"

Tamasauskas said, proudly pointing out they recently sent out an e-mail invite for a studio sale two weeks before the event.

Top: Colin, who divides his time between playing video games and fretting about his future. Bottom: Gordon, who for someone his size is surprisingly nimble on the tennis court.



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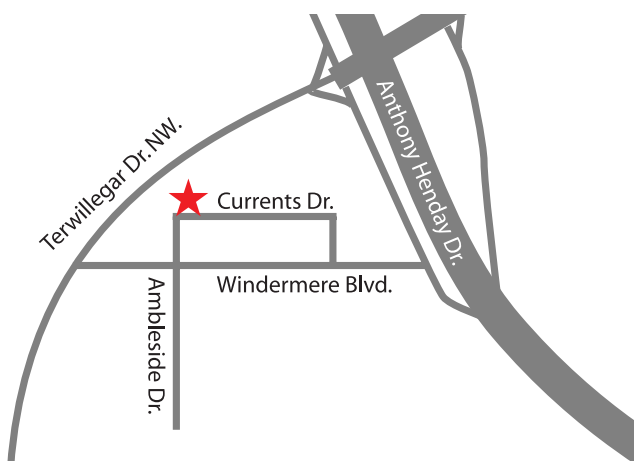
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Diane Peters



If you think adoption is a straightforward process, talk to Sandra Webb. She's helped couples become parents through Children's Aid and private and international adoptions for the last 13 years.

Back in 1997, the now 56-year-old from Cobourg, Ont., drove with a Quebec

couple for eight hours through a cold Russian winter day to meet their child in the hallway of an orphanage. She joined them the next day in court where they legally adopted the baby.

Yes, that was a little unusual. But it's her job to prepare prospective parents for the unexpected and the trying, as well as the wonderful.

As an adoption practitioner, she doesn't normally trip around the globe — although she did go to Russia twice — but spends her time talking with prospective parents as part of the



Adoption practitioners help families take children out of orphanages and put them into loving homes.

home study portion of an adoption.

Once a couple's (or single person's, if that's the case) paperwork is in order — police checks, fingerprint

checks and medicals — and once they've completed a special adoption training course, she evaluates them as possible parents. She meets with them at least four times (one interview is always in their home) and collects reference letters from friends and family. The process takes around three months and at the end she prepares a report.

"Yes, it's my job to assess them, and their big concern is whether they'll be approved," she says. "But part of my job is education."

She prepares families for that first meeting with their child and the potential cultural issues when the child comes from a different racial background.

Does she ever "fail" families? "If it was a decision not to adopt, we've made that choice together," she says. That's only happened once or twice.

After a child has been adopted, she also does follow-up visits according to the type of adoption (with China, for instance, the final one is 36 months after

adoption).

Webb had a degree in child studies from the University of Guelph when she moved to Cobourg to get married in the early 1970s. She got a job at the Children's Aid Society there, as an intake worker. She eventually started doing some work there with adoptions of crown wards, and loved it.

In 1995, after working on and off for Children's Aid, as well as doing some work in private adoption, she officially went into private practice as an adoption practitioner.

She does this half the time and the other half she offers therapy, mainly for families who have adopted and who are struggling. She gets to see it all: the frustration of waiting for a child, the joy of having one finally arrive, plus the challenge of building a brand new family.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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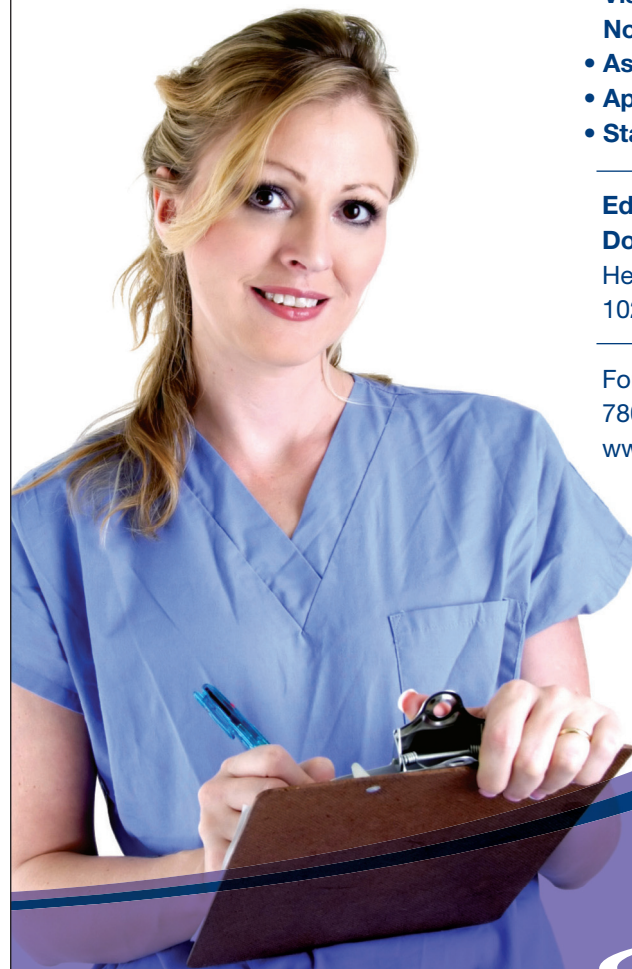
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Entertainment

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Gift to Africa

Anthony Edwards agreed to return for E.R.'s final episodes, on condition his paycheck be donated to the African charity, Shoe4Africa, which promotes AIDS awareness. **IMDB.COM**

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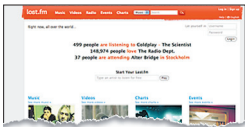
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The digital revolution has brought record stores into our homes, and it's a great thing. Sure, illegal file-sharing between friends and illegal downloading has decimated the music industry, and as such new bands are finding it harder to get investment to get them into recording studios, but as time goes on, there are an increasing number of easy to use, value for money, online music retailers. iTunes was at the forefront of the industry, but healthy competition is on its way, and hopefully, the music industry will find its feet again.



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Pappas co-hosts Get Married

The Bachelorette DeAnna Pappas — who recently called off her engagement to show winner Jesse Csincsak — will be co-hosting Lifetime network's Get Married. The second season premieres Jan. 5. **PEOPLE.COM**



Finding humour in Obama

IntelleVision



NOT FUNNY: On the night after John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Lenny Bruce was apparently appearing in a New York nightclub, and decided to see if it was too soon to get comic traction out of the event. After delivering a gag whose details are unfortunately lost to history, he paused to take in the stony silence, then told the audience that JFK impressionist "Vaughn Meader is screwed!"

I hadn't thought about Vaughn Meader for years until I read a Washington Post column last week by Eugene Robinson, where the writer commented on Don Rickles' recent appearance on David Letterman that featured a similar stony silence in response to Rickles' shot at president-elect Barack Obama, a halting but not particularly vicious gag involving world crises and basketball.

Robinson noted what's been obvious for months now — that there hasn't been a lot of humour directed at Obama. Robinson takes the optimistic line, that Americans are still making the "cultural attitude adjustments" necessary to absorbing the idea of an African-American president, and treating him with the same lack of deference as every other White House resident in history.

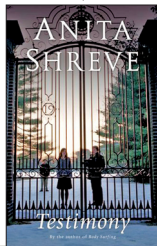
Right now, Obama is revered but unknown, a symbol more than a man, and Robinson thinks it's a pity. He doesn't think Rickles was being racist — Obama's love of basketball is well-known, but right now audiences are quick to take preemptive offense.

"Eventually, some comic will come up with a spot-on Obama impression, the way Vaughn Meader did with JFK," Robinson writes. "Eventually, audiences will revert to irreverence."

I'd like to hope he's right, because if he's not, it's going to be a dull and dismal four years.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Sex, lies and Testimony



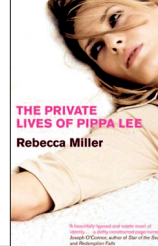
Testimony

Author: Anita Shreve

Publisher: Little, Brown and Company

Price: \$28.99 (Hardcover)

In *Testimony*, Oprah's Book Club alumnus Anita Shreve explores how the actions contained on one videotape can change the lives of every person invested in it. When Mike Bordwin, headmaster at New England's Avery Academy, receives a videotape depicting underage sex, he is challenged to properly handle the issue and discover its origin. Through his accounts and those of nearly 20 others involved in the case, a greater picture begins to unfold. Each chapter extends on one character's personal testimonial, unearthing more and more about the emotionally charged video and its consequences.



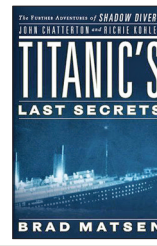
The Private Lives of Pippa Lee

Author: Rebecca Miller

Publisher: HarperCollins

Price: \$16.50 (Paperback)

Filmmaker, actress and author Rebecca Miller writes about the inevitable downside to stability in her new novel, *The Private Lives of Pippa Lee*. At 50-years-old, the title character, whose youth can be considered little less than tempestuous, has just got used to her simple, suburban lifestyle. When her 80-year-old husband suggests moving to a nursing home to spend his final days, the thought of another drastic life change prompts Pippa to recall her rocky past. The film version will be due out next year.



Titanic's Last Secrets

Author: Brad Matsen

Publisher: Twelve

Price: \$30.99 (Hardcover)

Brad Matsen retells the titanic journey taken by John Chatterton and Richie Kohler, who previously detailed the duo's underwater U-Boat discovery in *Shadow Divers*. Now, the pair is headed for the motherload — the Titanic. Chatterton and Kohler investigate the ship that sank in 1912 to discover why "The Unsinkable" sank so fast. The book traces the Titanic back to its original construction and eventual destruction, detailing structural errors that contributed to the ship's demise. The team uses exploration with research to reveal the fated ship's 'last secrets'.

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Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studios:

1 Quantum of Solace:
\$70.4 million US



Quantum of Solace

2 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: \$36.1 million

3 Role Models:
\$11.7 million

4 High School Musical 3: Senior Year: \$5.9 million

5 Changeling:
\$4.2 million

6 Zack and Miri Make a Porno: \$3.2 million

7 Soul Men:
\$2.43 million

8 The Secret Life of Bees:
\$2.4 million

9 Saw V:
\$1.8 million

10 The Haunting of Molly Hartley: \$1.6 million

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Dance, Dance, Whoever You May Be

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CSI: Miami

Can you believe this show is celebrating 150 episodes this week? But this week, the team races the clock to find a baby kidnapped by a killer in hopes of keeping the child from becoming the next victim. 8 PM on CFRN KREM

Chuck

Chuck and Jill (Zachary Levi, Jordana Brewster) are forced to cancel their plans for a weekend getaway when Casey and Sarah (Adam Baldwin, Yvonne Strahovski) tell Chuck he's needed for a mission to find corrupt agents within the CIA. Complicating matters, Jill gets jealous. 9 PM on CKEM KHQ

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Bear Grylls expecting a new cub
Man vs. Wild star Bear Grylls and his wife Shara are expecting their third son. The baby is due in January and the couple is considering the name Huckleberry for their new addition. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Activists flour Lohan

CONTROVERSY Lindsay Lohan's trip to France turned sour early on Saturday



morning when she was showered with flour at a Paris club, imdb.com reports.

An anti-fur activist covered the actress with flour as she was partying with friends on the city's famous Champs-Élysées.

"Lindsay Lohan — fur hag!" he yelled, as the actress stood fuming after the attack.

"Lindsay was mortified and then furious," a bystander says. "She's in Paris supporting her girlfriend, DJ Samantha Ronson, and I think she was planning a flour-free weekend."

It's believed the flour thrower was connected to animal rights group People For The Ethical Treatment of Animals

(PETA), which has attacked Lohan in recent days for wearing fur coats. "She was named on PETA's annual Worst Dressed List earlier this year," a statement from PETA reads.

PETA Europe's Robbie LeBlanc has applauded the flour attack on Lohan, stating, "There is nothing remotely fashionable about the torture and death of animals killed for fur."

"Lindsay Lohan might be able to ignore images of bloody animals skinned alive for their pelts, but we hope a dash of flour will help her rise to the occasion and forsake fur once and for all."

A spokesperson for Lohan was unavailable for comment.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

No body doubles for Winslet

HEALTH Kate Winslet doesn't use a body double in her movies and disputes her weight-loss claims. What's her secret?

"My mantra is 'keep it simple,'" the actress tells the U.K.'s Daily Mail in a new interview, revealing that she cooks at home and she eats anything except pasta — "it gives me a

stomach ache."

She also exercises with Pilates, People.com reports.

"I have a mat and little hand weights and I do a stomach thing and a bum thing," she says of practising to a DVD "on the living room carpet."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Matenopoulos' husband files for divorce

SPLIT TV personality Debbie Matenopoulos says she is hurt — and surprised — by her husband's divorce filing, which she learned about from Internet reports, People.com reports.

"I am extremely saddened by the dissolution of my seven-year relationship with my husband," the host of E!'s Daily 10 told People.

Jay Faires, a music executive, filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences, according to Los Angeles court papers filed

Wednesday. Faires, who wed Matenopoulos, 33, in July 2003 and separated from her in March 2008, is requesting that the court not award Matenopoulos spousal support.

Matenopoulos, is a two-time Emmy nominee and former co-host of The View.

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Theron named a Messenger of Peace

APPOINTMENT Charlize Theron has been named a United Nations Messenger Of Peace for her work towards ending violence against women, imdb.com reports.

The actress was awarded the title on Friday, joining the ranks of fellow actors George Clooney, Michael Douglas and musician Yo-Yo Ma. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon bestowed the honour on Theron.

"You have used your voice, compassion and special relationship with the public to create a better world," Ki-moon said.

Celebrities chosen as messengers of peace are asked to promote U.N. activities and ideals through public appearances and media contacts.

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Beyoncé was in 'no rush'

MARRIAGE Beyoncé, who has always been tight-lipped about her marriage to Jay-Z, is finally giving some insight into her thoughts about tying the knot, People.com reports.

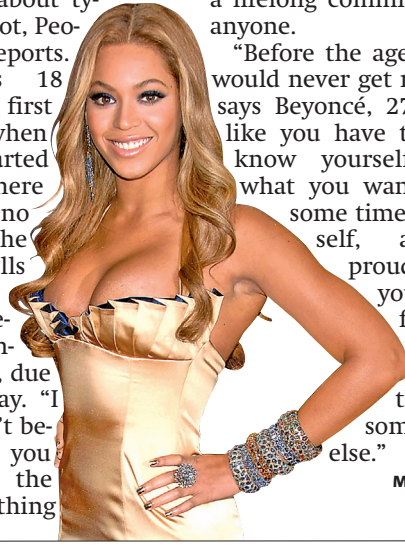
"I was 18 when we first met, 19 when we first started dating. There was no rush," the singer tells Seventeen in its December/January issue, due out Tuesday. "I really don't believe that you will love the same thing

when you're 20 as you do at 30."

The singer says she wanted to have a strong sense of self before making a lifelong commitment to anyone.

"Before the age of 25, I would never get married," says Beyoncé, 27. "I feel like you have to get to know yourself, know what you want, spend some time by yourself, and be proud of who you are before you can share that with someone else."

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Jonas denies he cheated on Swift

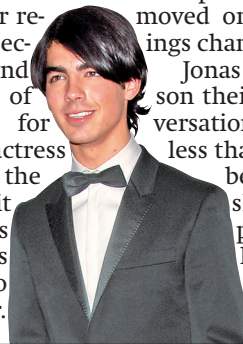
RELATIONSHIPS Jonas Brothers star Joe Jonas has denied cheating on ex-girlfriend Taylor Swift, attributing the breakup to "a change of heart," imdb.com reports.

Jonas came under fire recently after Swift revealed he had ended their relationship in a 27-second phone call and accused him of dumping her for 10,000 BC actress Camille Belle. But the singer has now hit back, and is adamant he was never unfaithful to the country singer.

"I never cheated on a girlfriend," he writes on the band's official blog. "It might make someone feel better to assume or imply I have been unfaithful but it is simply not true. Maybe there were reasons for a breakup. Maybe the heart moved on. Perhaps feelings changed."

Jonas insists the reason their break-up conversation took place in less than 30 seconds is because Swift slammed the phone down on him.

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Vardalos, husband adopt girl

ADOPTION Nia Vardalos, the breakout star of the 2002 hit My Big Fat Greek Wedding, has adopted a child, People.com reports.

The little girl, whose name has not been released, is the first for the 46-year-old actress and her husband, Ian Gomez, E! Online reports. The couple adopted the toddler, who is less than five years old,

several months ago.

"They are going public now to bring attention to National Adoption Month and the 500,000 children in foster care," according to a statement from Vardalos' rep. "Of these children, 129,000 are 'legally free' for adoption and waiting for a family."

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Jewel eager to start family

PEOPLE Singer Jewel is eager to start a family now that she's a married woman, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The newlywed has revealed she plans to conclude her tour commitments and then start preparing for parenthood with her husband Ty Murray.

"We want to start a family. I hope to tour next year and start a family," Jewel says. The couple married in August.

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Sigler glad she didn't have kids

PEOPLE Former Sopranos star Jamie-Lynn Sigler is "glad" she didn't have children with her ex-husband, as she was too young and "misguided" to start a family, imdb.com reports.

The 27-year-old actress married her agent, A.J. Discola, in 2003 but they split just two years later.

And Sigler is happy she didn't follow her initial instinct to have a baby with her former partner.

"(I was) often misguided and misled," she tells New York Post's Page Six magazine. "I didn't know who I was. I was living in an idealistic dream world — like, 'I have a successful show and this handsome

man, and I'm 22 and I'm getting married and may have a baby next year!' But, man, am I glad we didn't have children."

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